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To: Church Clergy and Lay Leaders
Greater Detroit District

Re: Equalization Members to the Michigan Annual Conference, June 3-6, 2021

Greetings,

It is time again to nominate Lay Equalization members to the Michigan Annual Conference. Tentative plans are to hold a modified in-person conference June 3-6, 2021 at Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI. Conference schedules and format could change as they did in 2020 based on public health realities.

You are invited to nominate up to two members from your church to the Commission on the Laity for consideration as an equalization member to the Michigan Annual Conference 2020. As always, these positions are allotted to districts around the state in proportion to district membership of the Michigan UMC Conference. Pastors and elected Lay Members to Annual Conference elected by their Church Charge Conference are financially supported by their church and would not apply.

The Greater Detroit District seeks to make all churches aware of the available positions. The Commission on the Laity hopes a diverse group of members will take advantage of the opportunity to attend conference. The applicant maybe a newer member, but must have been active in your church life for at least 2 years. They may be male or female with ages ranging from 12 yrs. & up. Basic costs for registration, bus transportation, meals, and a stipend (up to \$65 per night) toward lodging are covered by the Conference.

Applications must be received by December 15, 2020. This year, applications must be made online at <https://gdd.michiganumc.info/?Equalization>; confirmation notification will be automatically sent to applicants and their pastor. The Commission will notify those selected by early January 2021.

Thank you for recommending members to share in the hopes of our 2021 Michigan Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. If you or your applicants have any questions on this, please email us.

In Christ,

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